payment of such fee as may be prescribed. Over and above these the force can be entrusted with any duty by the Central Government.

(b) Under the directions of the Supreme Court *vide* orders dated 9.12.94 and 21.4.95, CISF have been providing security to M/s Rohtas Industries Ltd., Dalmiya Nagar, Dist. Rohtas (Bihar) *w.e.f.* 11.5.95.

(c) and (d) Prior to disinvestment, BALCO was a Public Sector Undertaking and accordingly CISF was deployed for the security of the plant. However, after the disinvestment of 51% of the equity and the change in management, Government have decided to withdraw the CISF. The withdrawal will be effected by 31.8.2001 and in the meantime BALCO management will make its own arrangements for security.

Projects awarded to MNCs

*50. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects of Rupees ten crore and above given to multinational companies/foreign companies during the last two years;

(b) the procedure adopted in awarding such projects; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has ignored the public sector undertakings like BHEL, GAIL, EIL and awarded contracts of various projects to MNCs and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Power projects are generally awarded to private sector companies (including multinational/foreign companies) by the concerned State Governments/State owned utilities. The private power projects whose capital cost exceeds the ceiling limits prescribed by the Government of India by notification issued under Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are required to obtain the Techno-economic Clearance (TEC) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA). A list indicating details of power projects having foreign equity

participation and accorded TEC by CEA during the last 2 years, *i.e.* 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) After the cut-off date of 18.2.1995, award of power projects to private sector companies is to be done only through a process of competitive bidding except for certain categories of projects where the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) route is considered feasible.

(c) Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. have informed that in no instance have they ignored the public sector undertakings like BHEL, GAIL, EIL for award of contracts, where they have been commercially and technically responsive and evaluated as lowest bidders.

Statement

Private Sector Power Projects Techno-Economically cleared by Central Electricity Authority during the last two years (1999-2000 and 2000-2001) involving foreign equity participation

Sl. No.	Project	Capacity in MW	Location
	Karnataka		
1.	Nagarjuna TPP	1015	Nandikur near Mangalore.
2.	Kaniniminke CCGT (PEENYA)	107.6	Bangalore
	Kerala		
3.	Kannur CCGT TEC date: 16.2.2000	513	Kannur
	Orissa		
4.	Duburi TPP	500	Jajpur

Sl. No.	Project	Capacity in MW	Location
	Tamil Nadu		
5.	Cuddalore TPP	1320	Cuddalore
6.	Vembar CCGT	1873	Ramanathapuram
	Uttaranchal		
7.	Srinagar HEP	330	Pauri Garhwal
	Gujarat		
8.	Jamnagar TPS	500	Jamnagar

Separate State of Bodoland

*51. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of Government as regards the separate State of Bodoland; and

(b) whether any ceasefire is contemplated by Government with NDF(B) to bring peace in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No proposal for creation of a separate State of Bodoland is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The Government has extended an invitation to all militant/ terrorist groups to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) has not yet responded for talks within the parameters indicated.